



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1623

Applicants: Chen et al.

Group Art Unit: 1623

Serial No. 08/942,369

Examiner: Marjorie A. Moran

Filed: October 1, 1997

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONCURRENTLY DETECTING  
PATHOGENIC ORGANISMS AND  
ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY

THIRD RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In consideration of the matters discussed at the Examiner's Interview of June 30, 1999, and the Advisory Action of July 2, 1999, and in response to the final rejection dated April 28, 1999, reconsideration is requested. This response is timely filed as a response is due on or before October 28, 1999 with a three month extension of time. These remarks serve to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal.

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